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## Appendix VII.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 501 asked by Sri K. P. Gopalan, at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 21st December 1954, page 569 supra.]

The deceased was a resident of Kodunthirapalli amsam, Malabar district. He figured as an accused in a case registered in the Palghat Kasba Police Station under sections 457 (Lurking house trespass by night for committing offence punishable with imprisonment) and 380, I.P.C. (Theft in dwelling house). He was arrested on the night of 21st October 1954 and put into the lock-up of the Police Station at about 8 p.m. that day. The next morning at about 6 a.m. a Police Constable found the prisoner lying dead on the floor with a cloth wound round his neck.

The Subdivisional Magistrate (Judicial), Palghat, conducted the inquest and also held an inquiry under section 176, Criminal Procedure Code. All the witnesses examined by him deposed that the prisoner was not ill-treated by the police.

The Civil Assistant Surgeon, Palghat, conducted the autopsy. He found signs of death by hanging on the body but no injuries external or internal. He expressed the opinion that the deceased would appear to have died of asphyxia probably due to hanging.

After considering the evidence recorded by him, the Subdivisional Magistrate has arrived at the finding that the prisoner must have committed suicide.

Apart from the enquiry held by the Subdivisional Magistrate under section 176, Criminal Procedure Code, the Executive First-class Magistrate, Palghat, held an enquiry under Police Standing Order No. 157. His opinion as regards the cause of death is the same as that of the Subdivisional Magistrate (Judicial). His enquiry has, however, disclosed certain irregularities on the part of the Sub-Inspector and some of the Police Constables attached to the station. Departmental action will be taken against these officials.

## Appendix VIII.

[Vide answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of starred question No. 507 asked by Sri A. Ratnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 21st December 1954, page 571 supra.]

*Scheme proposed by Sri A. Ratnam, M.L.A., Leader, State Scheduled Castes Federation.*

I suggest the following scheme for the removal of untouchability in the Madras State :—

At Headquarters, 300 social workers belonging to all communities reserving 50 per cent for Harijans to be trained for a month to do the social work for the removal of untouchability in the State and they may also be given training in cottage